level Apex marketing institutions be encouraged for marketing activities.

[*English*]

ICICI's Agreement with Bank of New York

6841. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India negotiated for a guarantee worth $ 100 million for export and import with Bank of New York and Lazard Freres and Company in February, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the loss suffered by ICICI in the deal, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Export of Tea to commonwealth of Independent State

6842. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fall in the export of Indian tea to the erstwhile Soviet Union:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the orders received for the export of tea to the Commonwealth of Independent States including Russia during the year 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). The export of tea to erstwhile USSR from India during 1991 was estimated at 104.5 Million Kgs. with an export earnings of Rs. 546.85 crores compared to the export of 128.6 Million Kgs. valued at Rs. 670.72 crores in 1990 indicating a decline of 24.1 Million Kgs. in respect of volumes and Rs. 123.87 crores in respect of export earnings.

(c) Trade provision for exports of tea from India to Russian Federation during 1992 is fixed at 60 Million Kgs. on rupee payment basis. Similarly in respect of Uzbekistan a protocol for export of 3 Million Kgs. of tea with a value of US $6.10 Million has been signed. In respect of Kazakistan 15000 tonnes of tea has been agreed for export from India.

[*English*]

Recommendations of Vohra Committee

6843. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the recommendations made by B. B. Vohra Committee;

(b) the total amount required for the development and maintenance of National Highways as recommended by Vohra Committee? and

(c) the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Committee;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Salient aspect on which the Committee gave its rec-

ommendation relate to:

(i) Improvement of the Agency System;

(ii) Financial Control;

(iii) Maintenance, Improvement and Expansion to the National Highway; and

(iv) Protection of National Highway System and Provision of Amenities.

(b) While the Vohra Committee has not recommended any specific amount for the maintenance of National Highways, the total rough requirement of funds recommended by the Committee for development and expansion of the National Highway System over 20 years from 1985 to 2005 is Rs. 12.000 crores at 1983-84 price level.

(c) Broadly, necessary action has been taken on all the recommendations of the Committee, subject to administrative and financial constraint wherever applicable.

Flood Advance to LIC Employees

6844. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has granted flood advances to its employees in Sirohi and surrounding areas of Jodhpur division on account of floods occurred in July, 1990;

(b) if so, the number of employees who have been granted flood advance and those who are yet to be granted including the probationary employees; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to release flood advance to the remaining employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. All the 517 employees who are eligible have been granted flood advance. Seven employees who were not posted in Flood affected areas and six probationary employees who were not entitled to it under rules were not given the Flood Advance.

[*Translation*]

Demand of Railway Machinery and Technology by China

6845. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway technique and machinery have been demanded by China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to meet these demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[*English*]

Utilisation of Surplus Land by Port Trust

6846. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether every major port is having some surplus land in their possession;

(b) if so, the manner in which these lands are being utilised;